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i. Pakistan: General Haig made a very firm statement that there should be no U.S. Government criticism of Pakistan on the Hill. He repeated the statement he made at the last meeting that the President has very strong feelings about this and until he exercises his options the above rule should be strictly observed.

3. Other topics included:

a. Draft Legislation: Mr. Belieu reported that the draft extension bill will be the pending order of business after the morning hour tomorrow morning. He expects the debate in the Senate to run about six weeks. Mr. Belieu said the Administration plans to hold the line for a two-year extension.

b. B-52 Raids in Northern Laos: General Haig asked Dave Abshire where things stood on this and Abshire said he would have to check on it. He said the tendency is to provide the information on the raids. There is a question, however, as to whether to give this information out on an unclassified basis.

c. Defense Budget: Defense members feel that they are going to be in for a real struggle on the Defense budget this year and they discussed tentative plans to set up some sort of task force or command post in the Pentagon where members who desire information in support of Defense can get help.

4. The meeting closed with Dick Cook's stating the White House is going to experiment with a plan to arrange briefings of small groups of House members two or three times a week in the interest of stemming some of the criticism that there is insufficient contact between the Administration and members of Congress.

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